

REMARKS

Claims 20-22 and 24-31 are currently pending. Claims 20-22 and 24-26 are cancelled herein. Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The applicants note, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that pending claims 27-31 are allowable. Accordingly, in light of the present claim cancellations, the outstanding claim rejections are rendered moot and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **219002032000**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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